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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 1731**

PATENT 1131-0461P

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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

MASHINO, Shigemi et al. Conf.:

8580

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For:

SHREDDED TOBACCO SUPPLY APPARATUS OF CIGARETTE

MANUFACTURING MACHINE

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 November 5, 2003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Responsive to the August 5, 2003 Final Office Action, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amended Claim Set; and

Remarks.